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***Raised Bill No. 1271***

LCO No. 4325

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING REPORTS COMPILED BY THE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION AND SERVICES FOR THE BLIND.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-298 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

3 (a) The Board of Education and Services for the Blind shall,  
4 annually, as provided in section 4-60, submit to the Governor its  
5 report, containing a statement of the activities of the board during the  
6 preceding year. Said board shall prepare and maintain a register of the  
7 blind in this state which shall describe their condition, cause of  
8 blindness and capacity for education and industrial training. The  
9 board may register cases of persons whose eyesight is seriously  
10 defective and who are liable to become visually handicapped or blind,  
11 and may take such measures in cooperation with other authorities as it  
12 deems advisable for the prevention of blindness or conservation of  
13 eyesight and, in appropriate cases, for the education of children and  
14 for the vocational guidance of adults having seriously defective sight  
15 but who are not blind.

16 (b) The board may accept and receive any bequest or gift of personal  
 17 property and, subject to the consent of the Governor and Attorney  
 18 General as provided in section 4b-22, any devise or gift of real property  
 19 made to said board, and may hold and use such property for the  
 20 purposes, if any, specified in connection with such bequest, devise or  
 21 gift.

22 (c) The board shall provide the Department of Motor Vehicles with  
 23 the names of all individuals sixteen years of age or older who on or  
 24 after October 1, 2005, have either (1) been determined to be blind by a  
 25 physician or optometrist, as provided in section 10-305, or (2) availed  
 26 themselves of services from the board. The board shall update the list  
 27 of names provided to the Department of Motor Vehicles on a quarterly  
 28 basis. The board shall provide written notification to any individual  
 29 whose name is transmitted by the board to said department, no later  
 30 than sixty days after such transmittal. The board shall enter into a  
 31 memorandum of understanding with the Department of Motor  
 32 Vehicles to effectuate the purposes of this subsection.

33 Sec. 2. Section 10-311a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 34 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

35 The case records of the Board of Education and Services for the  
 36 Blind maintained for the purposes of this chapter shall be confidential  
 37 and the names and addresses of recipients of assistance under this  
 38 chapter shall not be published nor used for purposes not directly  
 39 connected with the administration of this chapter, except as necessary  
 40 to carry out the provisions of [section] sections 10-298, as amended by  
 41 this act, and 17b-6.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	10-298
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	10-311a

***Statement of Purpose:***

To permit the Board of Education and Services for the Blind to transmit the names of blind individuals who are sixteen years of age or older to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*